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EXAMINING GROUP 1743  
PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.**

Application Number. : 10/082,415 Confirmation Number : 8582  
Applicants : Michael J. Pugia et al.  
Filed : February 26, 2002  
Title : Method And Apparatus For Precise Transfer And  
Manipulation Of Fluids By Centrifugal And/Or Capillary Forces  
TC/A.U. : 1743  
Examiner : Samuel P. Siefke  
Docket Number : 55197-00020USPT  
Customer Number : 30223

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.